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1. AS EMBASSY FACILITIES WILL BE HEAVILY COMMITTED DURING FESTAC, WE WISH TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO AVOID OVER-LOAD. EMBASSY HAS UP TO PRESENT RELAYED TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES TO AND FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN ZONAL COMMITTEE (NAZ) BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT PRACTICAL OR WARRANTED FOR US TO ASSUME THE FULL LOAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL NAZ CABLES AT TIME OF FESTIVAL ITSELF. WE WOULD STILL BE PREPARED TO TRANSMIT URGENT MESSAGES REGARDING PERFORMANCE SCHEDULING OR OTHER MATTERS OF SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER. LINE OF DEMARCATION BETWEEN SUCH MESSAGES AND PERSONAL OR ROUTINE OPERATIONAL MESSAGES MAY BE UNCERTAIN ON OCCASION, BUT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE TRANSMISSION WILL BE LIMITED TO SENIOR MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH NAZ LIAISON.
 2. SO AS NOT TO CATCH NAZ UNAWARES ON THIS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD INFORM NAZ OF SUBSTANCE PARA 1 AND POINT OUT THAT NIGERIAN EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NET) FACILITIES ARE TO BE AVAILABLE (AND PROBABLY MORE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED) IN SEVERAL FESTIVAL INSTALLATIONS.
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